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**STATEMENT OF MALARIA NO MORE POLICY DIRECTOR LAURIE RUBINER
ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL MALARIA CAUCUS**

On the eve of Malaria Awareness Day, the United States is sending a strong signal to the world that it is committed to the global fight against malaria. Today's announcement of the formation of the Congressional Malaria Caucus comes on the heels of U.S. House approval of new funding for malaria control efforts and builds on the historic efforts of the Bush Administration to combat this deadly disease. Our Presidential candidates are also expressing their desire to continue our country's leadership on this critical issue.

The more people hear the alarming facts about malaria – 3,000 children dying every day in Africa, more than one million people a year – the greater the momentum to defeat it. Investments by the public and private sectors are making an extraordinary difference, but much more work remains.

We thank Representatives Payne and Boozman and all members of the Congressional Malaria Caucus for their leadership in taking on this challenge. And we thank First Lady Laura Bush for participating in the launch of the Caucus. Defeating malaria is an issue that unites us all as we work to reduce poverty and save lives.

The **Malaria No More Policy Center** works to raise awareness and galvanize support to address the global fight against malaria, with specific focus on engaging policy leaders in the United States and the other G-8 nations in advancing efforts to defeat malaria worldwide. www.MalariaNoMore.org.

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